



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Associate Principal



STANTONBURY
SCHOOL

Dear Stantonbury families,

I hope you are well.

Last Thursday I hope you took advantage of the opportunity to connect with your child's Form Tutor during the scheduled parents evening. It is very important for us to strengthen our relationship with you so we can work together to ensure your child is maximising their potential. Just in case you missed the 2nd edition of the Quality of Education newsletter in December, please see the attached. In particular, please check the self-study expectations for students in KS3 and KS4 so you can help your child develop greater independent learning skills.

Elevate Education, an organisation that we use to support our students in developing their study skills, are offering more free Parent Support Webinars that are highly recommended. In February the following sessions are available:

- How to Help Your Child Improve Their Memory - 7th February
- How to Help Your Child Prepare for Exams - 28th February
- How Your Child Can Maximise Marks in the Exam Room - 21st March

Webinars start at 6pm, and last for 60 minutes each. They can be accessed through the following link:

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

For our Year 11 families we are holding an event in school to support your child and would like as many of you as possible to attend an information evening in the Stantonbury Theatre on **Tuesday 31st January at 6pm**. The evening will help you to support your child in the final six months of year 11. During the evening, we will present practical strategies that families can implement immediately. These will help manage stress levels for everyone and help students to prepare to perform at their best in their Summer Exams. We will also provide you with guidance about the year 11 March Exam series. Head of English, Maths and Science will be attending.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Last night we held a very successful Sixth Form Open evening that saw young people from all over Milton Keynes visit to hear about our Sixth Form offer and talk and engage with our staff and Year 12 and 13 students who were selling their subject and courses. If you were unable to attend the event please see our website for all the information you need including how to apply. <https://www.stantonbury-tove.org.uk/sixth-form>

Rewards

It has been great to welcome all our students back after the Christmas break and they have come back with a real focus. In both their lesson and around the school they are displaying the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience in abundance.

During our second successful Parent Working Group meeting held at the school at the start of the month we received feedback around the lack of consistency in the implementation of both the Behaviour and Rewards policies. It was felt that some families were not familiar with our Behaviour Policy, specifically the 'C' system and some of our children were becoming disengaged if they were not being rewarded and recognised for their positive attitude to learning.

As a school we recognise the importance and impact rewards can have on your child's motivation, engagement and attitude towards both their subjects and staff. I have asked staff to take every opportunity to praise your child when they demonstrate any of our 3 values in their lessons and around school. Please take the time to ask your child about how many Achievement Points they have been awarded and look on Go4schools for daily and weekly updates. In addition next week we will send an overview of our Behaviour policy from a students perspective.

Open and honest communication

I wanted to make you aware of an issue both us and many schools in MK are facing and what we are doing as a school to stop and prevent the issue.

Vaping

Sadly the number of children vaping at school has increased and there seems to be a perception amongst many of our children that vaping "isn't that serious". I believe vaping is now more of an issue than smoking was or is because it's more discreet. It happens on the way to school, on the way home and unfortunately in school, mostly in the toilet blocks, and affects children in all our year groups. This week we have caught and sanctioned students in Years 7, 9 and Year 10. 8 students have been suspended this week for vaping. As a school we are taking a strong stance and we need your help to ensure the message gets to our young people and it changes their behaviour. For any student found vaping we

will issue strong sanctions, such as suspension.

It affects all of our community as many students don't want to use the toilet blocks due to the number of students gathering there. Subsequently we have made changes to the way we students access the toilet during lessons and breaks and how we supervise and monitor the use of the facilities. I would like to thank you for your understanding of the changes that have been made to address this issue. I predict we will be able to review the situation in a few weeks once our students understand the strong stance we are taking.

Safeguarding

Please take the time to read the parent Factsheet - Keeping your child safe from Cyber-Flashing

[Cyberflashing.doc](#)

Please find attached

MK SEND Information Day 2023

For any of our families who have a child with Special Educational Needs I wanted to signpost an upcoming information day held locally on **Saturday 4th February**.

Venue: The Ridgeway Centre, Featherstone Road, Wolverton, MK12 5TH

Theme: Let's talk SEND - your personal journey

MK SENDIAS Service and PACA MK (Parent Carer Forum) are jointly hosting this event for parents and carers of children and young people with a special educational need or disability, aged 0 - 25yrs. Please book your tickets via Eventbrite [Milton Keynes SEND Information Day 2023 Registration | Eventbrite link](#) will be live on Tue 17 Jan at 9am. For more information please visit [SEND Information Day 2023](#). Workshop and crèche places must be pre-booked to avoid disappointment. Booking system will open from Tuesday 17 January and close on **Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 5pm**. Places will be limited so please don't delay.

Army Cadet Open event

The Detachment Commander for the 20th Platoon of the Buckinghamshire Army Cadet Force (ACF) has reached out to invite your child to their open evening on **Monday 30th Jan from 7.30 to 8.30pm** at the Conniburrow Community Centre. The ACF is an inclusive youth organisation that can cater for a variety of learning needs and participation in the Cadet Forces has significant positive impacts on young people, increasing their performance at school and improving their employment and career prospects.

Food bank reminder

We have lots of food that we would like to help find a home. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please let us know in the strictest of confidence by emailing fiona.farley@stantonbury-tove.org.uk

Discount on furniture and white goods – Please find attached

The Re-use Community Project CIC is a community-based initiative that encourages the reuse of items that are no longer required, but that are still in good condition and that could be used by others. All profit made from the resale of goods is used to help various local charitable organisations and causes. **There aim is simple – to alleviate poverty, reduce waste and tackle the Cost of living crisis.**

They work closely with the council and other local agencies to help those who are supported by key workers, by providing priority household items that may be unobtainable due to circumstances beyond their control. Key workers may include Social Workers, Probation, Health visitors.

For those households that are not supported by key workers but are in receipt of benefits, we can provide a discount on furniture and white goods.

Please read the attached leaflet for more information.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend

Take care

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Mr Wilson - Associate Principal